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For: **METHOD OF COMPRESSING/EXTENDING COLOR REPRODUCING SPACE,
COLOR REPRODUCING METHOD AND COLOR REPRODUCING APPARATUS**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution application (CPA) under §1.53(d); (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

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The submission of the attached English language abstracts along with Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication Nos. 3-158075 and 5-298437 constitutes concise statements of relevance of the respective references. Also, Japanese Examined Publication No. 2845523 is discussed on page 5 in the specification .

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 7-123283 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,734,745 and is discussed on page 6.

Japanese Laid-Open Publication No. 9-135360 corresponds to U.S. Patent 5,987,165 and is discussed on page 9.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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